

Military Equipment

706.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment (Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; Government Code § 7072).

706.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

Governing body – The elected or appointed body that oversees the Department.

Military equipment – Includes but is not limited to the following:

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), two-and-one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
- Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue firearms.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

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706.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Torrance Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

706.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Chief of Police should designate a member of this department to act as the military equipment coordinator. The responsibilities of the military equipment coordinator include but are not limited to:

- (a) Acting as liaison to the governing body for matters related to the requirements of this policy.
- (b) Identifying department equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Department, or the equipment the Department intends to acquire that requires approval by the governing body.
- (c) Conducting an inventory of all military equipment at least annually.
- (d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of Torrance Police Department (Government Code § 7071).
- (e) Preparing for, scheduling, and coordinating the annual community engagement meeting to include:
 - 1. Publicizing the details of the meeting.
 - 2. Preparing for public questions regarding the department's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.
- (f) Preparing the annual military equipment report pursuant to Government Code 7002 for submission to the Chief of Police and ensuring that the report is made available on the department website (Government Code § 7072).
- (g) Ensuring that any revisions to the policy follow the same procedures when obtaining approval from the governing body by way of amending an ordinance and that the most current version of the policy is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing.

706.4 COMPLIANCE

Any member of the public can register a question or concern regarding military use equipment by contacting the Torrance Police Department via email at TPDequipmentpolicy@TorranceCA.gov. A response to the question or concern shall be completed by the department in a timely manner.

Any member of the public can submit a complaint to any member of the Department by submitting a Personnel Complaint Form to the Torrance Police Department via mail or in person at the station lobby located at 3300 Civic Center Drive Torrance, CA 90503. Once the complaint is received, it shall be routed to the Personnel Division in accordance with TPD Policy 1006.3 (Personnel Complaints).

The Department will ensure that all members comply with this policy. The Chief of Police, or designees will be notified of any policy violations and, if needed, the violation(s) will be referred

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to the Personnel Division and handled in accordance with TPD Policy 1006.20 (Internal Affairs Investigation) and TPD Policy 300.7 (Supervisor Responsibility).

706.5 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Department:

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706.6 APPROVAL

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the military equipment policy. As part of the approval process, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military equipment policy is submitted to the governing body and is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military equipment policy must be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the following (Government Code § 7071):

- (a) Requesting military equipment made available pursuant to 10 USC § 2576a.
- (b) Seeking funds for military equipment, including but not limited to applying for a grant, soliciting or accepting private, local, state, or federal funds, in-kind donations, or other donations or transfers.
- (c) Acquiring military equipment either permanently or temporarily, including by borrowing or leasing.
- (d) Collaborating with another law enforcement agency in the deployment or other use of military equipment within the jurisdiction of this department.
- (e) Using any new or existing military equipment for a purpose, in a manner, or by a person not previously approved by the governing body.
- (f) Soliciting or responding to a proposal for, or entering into an agreement with, any other person or entity to seek funds for, apply to receive, acquire, use, or collaborate in the use of military equipment.
- (g) Acquiring military equipment through any means not provided above.

706.7 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Military equipment used by any member of this Department shall be approved for use and in accordance with this Department policy. Military equipment used by other jurisdictions that are providing mutual aid to this Department or operating in conjunction in a law enforcement capacity with this Department, shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies in rendering mutual aid.

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706.8 ANNUAL REPORT

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall submit a military equipment report to the governing body for each type of military equipment approved within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use (Government Code § 7072).

The annual report shall include the following information:

1. A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.
3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.
4. The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submissions of the annual military equipment report.
5. The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
6. If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the Department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required by Government Code § 7072 for the preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment in department inventory.

706.9 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the military equipment coordinator shall discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

706.10 EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES

Under exigent circumstances, the Department may need to weaponize equipment listed in this policy to save human lives.

Attachments

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A. Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) (Category 1)

1. Description:

- a. DJI Matrice 210: cost: \$8,999, quantity: 1, ability to record video with approximately 30 minutes of flight time.
- b. DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Zoom: cost: \$2,699 each, quantity: 2, ability to record video with approximately 30 minutes of flight time.
- c. DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced: cost: \$6,370 each, quantity: 2, ability to record video with approximately 30 minutes of flight time.
- d. DJI Mavic Air 2: cost: \$912 each, quantity: 2, ability to record video with approximately 30 minutes of flight time.
- e. DJI Matrice 30-T (M30T): cost \$13,999 each, quantity: 2, ability to record video with approximately 30 minutes of flight time.

2. Purpose: To be deployed when its view would assist officers or incident commanders with the following situations, which include but are not limited to:

- a. Search and Rescue
- b. Situational Awareness
- c. Missing Persons
- d. Fleeing Suspect Searches
- e. Officer Safety

3. Authorized Use: Only assigned operators who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate any UAS during approved missions.4. Expected Life Span: Average of 4 years.5. Fiscal Impact: Battery replacement costs approximately \$1,250 for current inventory.6. Training: All Department UAS operators are licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (107 Remote Pilot Certification) for UAS operation. In addition, each operator must pass in-house Department qualification and training courses and attend ongoing monthly trainings.7. Legal and Procedural Rules: Use is established under the FAA Regulation 14 CFR Part 107 and TPD Policy 608. It is the policy of the Department to utilize UAS only for official law enforcement or city government purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.

B. Robots (Category 1)

1. Description:

- a. Robotex Avatar Tactical Robot: cost: \$12,466, quantity: 1, two-way audio and remotely controlled.

2. Purpose: To be used to clear dangerous threat areas from a safe distance while preserving human life.
3. Authorized Use: Only assigned operators who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate robots during approved missions.
4. Expected Life Span: Up to 20 years.
5. Fiscal Impact: Not applicable, no ongoing costs.
6. Training: All Department robot operators must pass in-house Department qualification and training courses.
7. Legal and Procedural Rules: It is the policy of the Department to utilize a robot only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.

C. Armored Vehicles (Category 4)

1. Description:
 - a. Lenco Bearcat: cost: \$221,180, quantity: 1, standard tactical armored vehicle for special operations.
 - b. Lenco Bearcat: cost: \$220,000, quantity: 1, standard tactical armored vehicle for special operations. *This armored vehicle is used by designated South Bay agencies in Mutual Aid Area G.*
2. Purpose: To be used in critical incidents to enhance officer and community safety and assist in resolving high risk operations.
3. Authorized Use: Armored vehicles shall only be used by trained officers in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
4. Expected Life Span: Up to 20 years.
5. Fiscal Impact: Maintenance costs when needed (e.g. Wheel and Tire Upgrade \$8,500, Window and Floor Mat Replacement \$2,234). *The armored vehicle designated for Mutual Aid Area G is grant funded and does not have a fiscal impact to the Department*
6. Training: All Department armored vehicles operators must pass in-house Department qualification and training courses.
7. Legal and Procedural Rules: It is the policy of the Department to utilize an armored vehicle only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.

D. Police Mobile Command Vehicle (Category 5)

1. Description:
 - a. Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC): cost \$761,800, quantity: 1, mobile communications vehicle.
2. Purpose: To be used in emergencies, tactical operations, and planned events, and serve as an alternate emergency operations center.

3. Authorized Use: The use of a police mobile command vehicle shall only be authorized by a Watch Commander, based on the specific circumstances of the incident. Police mobile command vehicles shall only be used by trained officers in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
4. Expected Life Span: Up to 30 years.
5. Fiscal Impact: Not applicable, no ongoing costs.
6. Training: All Department police mobile command vehicle operators must pass in-house Department qualification and training courses. Driver's must also possess a California Class A or B driver's license, with an "air brake" classification, to operate the vehicle.
7. Legal and Procedural Rules: It is the policy of the Department to utilize a police mobile command vehicle only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.

E. Ballistic Breaching Tools (Category 7, 11 & 12)

1. Description:
 - a. Breaching Shotguns and Rounds: cost \$4,530, quantity: up to 20 shotguns, up to 200 breaching rounds, up to 50 flashbang rounds, and up to 25 airbag rounds, shotguns and rounds specially made for door breaching.
2. Purpose: To conduct immediate entries into secured or fortified locations or structures during barricade incidents or hostage rescue operations.
3. Authorized Use: Breaching shotguns shall only be used by trained officers in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
4. Expected Life Span: Up to 25 years for shotguns; rounds expire when used.
5. Fiscal Impact: Annual costs varies based on the quantity of ammunition needed.
6. Training: All operators must attend complete and pass a breaching course to be certified and attend ongoing annual trainings.
7. Legal and Procedural Rules: Use is established under TPD Policy 412. It is the policy of the Department to utilize breaching tools only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.

F. Detonating Cord (Category 7)

1. Description:

- a. 50 GR/FT Detonating Cord: cost \$580 each, quantity: 1, consists of a high-explosive core wrapped in a reinforced, waterproof, plastic coating that transmits a detonating wave.
 - b. Non-Electric Delay Detonator Cord: cost: \$11 each, quantity: 50, designed to provide in-hole delays for underground or special construction blasting applications that require long period delay times to improve relief and fragmentation.
 2. Purpose: To conduct immediate entries into secured or fortified locations or structures during barricade incidents or hostage rescue operations.
 3. Authorized Use: Detonating cords shall only be used by trained officers in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
 4. Expected Life Span: Up to 10 years for the Detonating Cord; up to 5 years for the Non-Electric Delay Detonating Cord.
 5. Fiscal Impact: Annual costs varies based on the quantity needed.
 6. Training: All operators must attend complete and pass a breaching course to be certified and attend ongoing quarterly trainings.
 7. Legal and Procedural Rules: Use is established under TPD Policy 412. It is the policy of the Department to utilize breaching tools only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.
- G. Sheet Explosives (Category 7)
1. Description:
 - a. C-3 Sheet Explosives: cost \$48 each, quantity: up to 20 pounds, explosive substance that can be detonated by fuse or electrical impulse.
 2. Purpose: To conduct immediate entries into secured or fortified locations or structures during barricade incidents or hostage rescue operations.
 3. Authorized Use: Sheet explosives shall only be used by trained officers in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
 4. Expected Life Span: Up to 5 years.
 5. Fiscal Impact: Annual costs varies based on the quantity needed.
 6. Training: All operators must attend complete and pass a breaching course to be certified and attend ongoing quarterly trainings.
 7. Legal and Procedural Rules: Use is established under TPD Policy 412. It is the policy of the Department to utilize breaching tools only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.

H. Chemical Agent and Smoke Canisters (Category 12)

1. Description:

- a. Ferret® 40mm Powder Barricade Round: cost \$22 each, quantity: up to 100, frangible projectile that is spin stabilized utilizing fins and barrel rifling. It is non-burning and used by tactical teams to penetrate barriers.
- b. Riot Control Continuous Discharge Grenade, CS: cost \$26 each, quantity: up to 25, specifically designed for outdoor use in crowd control situations.
- c. Spede Heat Continuous Discharge Chemical Grenade, CS: cost \$28 each, quantity: up to 25, high volume, continuous burn grenade.
- d. Spede Heat Continuous Discharge Chemical Grenade, CN: cost: \$46 each, quantity: up to 25, specifically designed for outdoor use in crowd control situations.
- e. Triple Chaser Separating Canister, CS: cost \$36 each, quantity: up to 25, consists of three separate canisters pressed together with separating charges between each.
- f. Flameless Tri-Chamber CS Grenade: cost \$31 each, quantity: up to 25, specifically designed for indoor tactical situations to detect and/or dislodge a barricaded subject.
- g. Pocket Tactical Grenade, OC: cost: \$21 each, quantity: up to 25, small, lightweight, easily carried device that provides a medium volume of chemical agent or smoke for certain situations.
- h. Pocket Tactical Grenade, CS: cost \$23 each, quantity: up to 25, launch able grenade that is normally used as a signaling or covering device.
- i. Maximum HC Smoke Military Style Canister: cost \$29 each, quantity: up to 50, specifically designed for outdoor use in crowd management situations.
- j. Exact Impact 40 MM Sponge Round: cost \$18 each, quantity: up to 1,000, lightweight, high-speed projectile consisting of a plastic body and sponge nose.
- k. Exact Impact 40 MM Sponge Round Extended Range: cost \$18 each, quantity: up to 500, lightweight, high-speed projectile consisting of a plastic body and sponge nose.
- l. Direct Impact 40 MM OC Crushable Foam Round: cost \$18 each quantity: up to 500, specifically designed for outdoor use in crowd management situations.
- m. Skat Shell 40 MM Multiple Projectile Round, CS: cost \$28 each, quantity: up to 250, designed to deliver multiple CS canisters.

- 2. Purpose: To dislodge barricaded subject(s), deny areas of refuge, disrupt suspects during hostage rescue operations, and crowd control situations.
- 3. Authorized Use: Chemical agents and smoke canisters shall only be used by trained officers in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
- 4. Expected Life Span: Varies, average 5 years.
- 5. Fiscal Impact: Annual costs varies based on the quantity needed.

6. Training: All Department operators must pass in-house Department qualification and training courses and attend ongoing annual or bi-annual trainings.
 7. Legal and Procedural Rules: Use is established under TPD Policy 303. It is the policy of the Department to utilize chemical agents and smoke canisters only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.
- I. 40 MM Tactical Launcher (Category 14)
1. Description:
 - a. 40 MM Tactical 4 Shot Launcher: cost \$8,100 each, quantity: up to 60, designed for riot and tactical situations.
 - b. 40 MM Tactical Single Launcher: cost \$699 each, quantity: up to 10, designed for riot and tactical situations.
 2. Purpose: To deliver less-lethal munitions and chemical agents during high risk operations.
 3. Authorized Use: 40 MM Tactical Launchers shall only be used by trained officers in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
 4. Expected Life Span: Up to 25 years for shotguns; ammunition expire when used.
 5. Fiscal Impact: Annual costs varies based on the quantity of ammunition needed.
 6. Training: All Department operators must pass in-house Department qualification and training courses and attend ongoing annual trainings.
 7. Legal and Procedural Rules: Use is established under TPD Policy 303. It is the policy of the Department to utilize 40 MM Tactical Launchers only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.
- J. 40 MM Rounds (Category 14)
1. Description:
 - a. Exact Impact 40 MM Sponge Round: cost \$18 each, quantity: up to 1,000, lightweight, high-speed projectile consisting of a plastic body and sponge nose.
 - b. Exact Impact 40 MM Sponge Round Extended Range: cost \$18 each, quantity: up to 500, lightweight, high-speed projectile consisting of a plastic body and sponge nose.
 - c. Direct Impact 40 MM OC Crushable Foam Round: cost \$18 each quantity: up to 500, specifically designed for outdoor use in crowd management situations.
 - d. Skat Shell 40 MM Multiple Projectile Round, CS: cost \$28 each, quantity: up to 250, designed to deliver multiple CS canisters.
 2. Purpose: To deliver less-lethal munitions and chemical agents during high risk operations.

3. Authorized Use: 40 MM Tactical Launchers shall only be used by trained officers in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
4. Expected Life Span: Up to 5 years.
5. Fiscal Impact: Annual costs varies based on the quantity of rounds needed.
6. Training: All Department operators must pass in-house Department qualification and training courses and attend ongoing annual or bi-annual trainings.
7. Legal and Procedural Rules: Use is established under TPD Policy 303. It is the policy of the Department to utilize 40 MM Tactical Launcher Rounds only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.